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Bob Lake price tag nearly \$10,000

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It cost Minden Hills taxpayers nearly \$10,000 to get boats out of Bob Lake at the end of the summer, after they were stranded in the lake by a landowner who barricaded a long-used boat launch on his property.

For many years, there was a misunderstanding, including by Minden Hills township, that the launch was publicly owned.

However, it is located on private property and, citing legal concerns, the owner blocked access to the site with a chain barrier and, later, a line of flagstones.

Residents came to council, saying their boats were being held hostage on Bob Lake. There is no public launch on the water body.

Eventually, council was able to negotiate an agreement with that landowner and lake residents were given an 11-day window in early October to remove their vessels.

A staff report shows the cost for that process was approximately \$9,300.

The township paid \$2,500 to the landowner for access to the launch during the 11-day period. It also paid nearly \$3,000 to Greg Bishop Surveying, nearly \$1,700 to Russell, Christie, LLP for legal fees and more than \$2,200 to Kawartha Security Guard Service for on-site security during the 11-day window.

Those costs do not include the significant Minden Hills staff time that went into dealing with the issue.

The staff report reads that, "considerable internal staff time from the building/bylaw/ see DEVOLIN page 2



Devolin warden for 2017

Brent Devolin addresses the audience as the 2017 Haliburton County Warden standing in front of framed photos of past wardens at the inauguration on Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the county council chambers in Minden. It's been 12 years since a Minden Hills reeve has been named a warden of Haliburton County. DARREN LUM Staff

Funding shortfall forced YWCA to close safe space

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

In November 2015, the Peterborough Haliburton chapter of the YWCA had to close the doors of their Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace for the first time since it was opened.

The closure lasted for five months and YWCA staff are hopeful it never hap-

pens again. Executive director for the local YWCA Lynn Zimmer said the closure came as a result of a funding shortfall.

"It was the first time it had happened, partly because when we opened it we always estimated it would be used about 50 per cent of the time," said Zimmer, adding that estimation was based on patterns of use for Haliburton County.

"For the first several years, magically it

turned out that way. Then last year we actually had a much more intense usage ... being always full through to the end of October, which exhausted all the funds we had available for staffing, because of course that was more than 50 per cent of the year."

The clients that used the SafeSpace up to October continued to receive support, said

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Devolin to head county council

Haliburton county council members Cheryl Murdoch, from left at back, Murray Fearrey, Andrea Roberts, Liz Danielson, Carol Moffatt and Dave Burton were in attendance for this year's inauguration to announce Brent Devolin as the 144th warden on Dec. 13 at the county council chambers in Minden.

It's been 12 years since a Minden Hills reeve has been named a warden of Haliburton County. Suzanne Partridge was absent for the ceremony. DARREN LUM Staff



Devolin hints at Bob Lake solution

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planning/community services and clerk's department was devoted to research, consultation and facilitation with all parties involved or having interest in the issue of the Bob Lake boat launch."

"This doesn't include our staff time, or a lot of volunteer time," said Councillor Pam Sayne, whose Ward 2 is home to Bob Lake. "How are we going to proceed with this?"

"There's another strategy, a long-term, permanent one," Devolin said, adding that's all he'd say for the time being. "The boats are out of the lake now."

YWCA intensifies fundraising to keep space open

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Zimmer. In order to continue operations, the YWCA had to use approximately \$95,000 from their reserves, which was raised outside the county.

"We just couldn't do anymore," she said.

The SafeSpace reopened in March of this year and has been monitored carefully, she said.

"We've realized we actually have to be prepared for intense usage," she said.

The executive director won't point to the factors that led to more usage of the space in 2015, as client information is sensitive and confidential, however looking ahead the organization is intensely fundraising to prevent a similar situation from happening.

"In order to continue this service, we actually need to secure \$120,000 over the next year to sustain it for the next two years," she said. "We've raised about \$88,000 of that and we're looking to find the balance."

The YWCA has had a presence in Haliburton County for 30 years, with the SafeSpace in operation since 2006.

Described as a supported living situation, the SafeSpace is available for women fleeing domestic violence.

Earlier this month, a letter was mailed out by the local YWCA, stating that in 2015 the organization provided services to 149 women in Haliburton County.

During the months when the space was closed, those needing help had a tough decision to make, said Zimmer. The organization referred women to shelters in Peterborough or Kawartha Lakes, or anywhere else of their choice.

"We worked with women to figure out where is the best safe place that we can help you get to," she said. "We did the best we could with each person."

The executive director said that services are available year round through the use of counsellors, who will travel long distances to meet with women.

"We actually had 671 counselling sessions with women in Haliburton last year," she said. "One time, a counsellor actually spent 18 consecutive hours travelling with a client through a terrible snowstorm ... the longest distance that one of our counsellors had to drive to meet with a client was 382 kilometres."

The YWCA has had local events, such as a recent Walk a Mile in her Shoes at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, to help raise funds for the SafeSpace.

Fundraising letters have been sent out and the organization is looking to make requests for financial support from local municipalities in the coming months.

The YWCA currently receives no local government support, said Zimmer.

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Youth arrested after threat

by JENN WATT
Editor

A 16-year-old male from Gravenhurst was arrested and charged with mischief and uttering threats on Friday morning after Trillium Lakelands District School Board received a "generalized threat."

According to Bracebridge OPP the threat had been made to the board via Twitter, triggering a "hold and secure" precautionary measure at every school in the entire board Dec. 9. This meant the schools locked their exterior doors, not allowing anyone in or out.

"The tweet was made to the Trillium Lakelands School Board and as a result all Trillium Lakelands Schools, both elementary and secondary, were put into a 'hold and secure' in order to ensure the safety of students while police investigate," a press release from Bracebridge OPP reads.

Around 11 a.m. the school board tweeted the "hold and secure" had been lifted.

Police say there is no threat to school safety, but they are asking for any information the public may have. Call Bracebridge OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Rash of thefts

Thieves have been hitting up homes and vehicles in the Haliburton Highlands and the police are reminding residents to lock up.

In recent weeks there were numerous break and enters along Chambers Road near Twelve Mile Lake in Minden Hills, one on Hewitt Road in Algonquin Highlands and one on Redstone Lake Road in the Municipality of Dysart et al.

On Dec. 6, numerous thefts from vehicles were reported along Prentiskoka Heights Road in Minden. There were also two thefts from vehicles parked along Bobcaygeon Road.

The OPP are reminding residents to always lock their vehicles and keep valuables out of sight and stored in secure locations.

"The number of unlocked vehicles entered is extremely high," Const. Tim Negus told the paper.

- Chad Ingram

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Schell recognized by municipal management institute

Ontario Municipal Management Institute executive director Bill McKim, left, presents Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell, centre, with a certificate marking his fire service enhancement accreditation during a Dec. 8 Minden Hills council meeting. Also pictured is Reeve Brent Devolin. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills, will meet as the Budget Standing Committee on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON to review the second draft of the 2017 Budget.
For further information regarding the meeting please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or dnewhook@mindenhill.ca.

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MH defers Beaver Theatre request until new year

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills councillors will be deferring a decision on a request from the new owner of the former Beaver Theatre until the new year.

During a Dec. 8 meeting, council discussed a request from the building's owner to reduce the number of parking spots required for the theatre and for the township to enter into a parking agreement.

"This is the cart so far ahead of the horse," said Reeve Brent Devolin. "There's a lot of water to go under the bridge before I think we'd consider this on any level."

Oshawa-based Rahim Lakhani purchased the theatre in September and has plans to rehabilitate it as a multi-use space that would function under a not-for-profit structure. "Rahim proposed that the not-for-profit theatre would be a tenant of the theatre landlord," minutes from a meeting Lakhani held with local stakeholders read. "The township could be an anchor tenant in addition to the theatre."

Devolin said the discussion was about a hypothetical relationship between three entities – the township, the theatre owner and a not-for-profit society – the latter of which does not even exist at this point in time.

"We're talking about a developer building for a third party that doesn't exist," he said.

Lakhani is seeking to change the number of parking spots the theatre would require from 30 to zero, in order to accommodate a 143-square metre addition to the theatre.

Such an addition would exceed the maximum lot coverage limit of 80 per cent, leaving nearly 95 per cent of the property covered by an expanded theatre.

While the Minden Hills committee of adjustment is supportive of the lot coverage increase, its recommendation is that the owner still be responsible for 10 parking spaces.

A report from township planner Ian Clendening

said the township could enter into an agreement whereby the owner could make payments to the township in lieu of providing parking spaces.

"The township does not have an established policy governing these situations and it is difficult to determine the cost of providing parking," Clendening's report read. "There is no obligation that the township construct parking spaces on behalf of the applicant, however the money collected must be spent on such purposes. In the most recent transaction of a similar nature, a developer was charged \$500 per stall, however this amount may be quite low."

Minden Hills sold some parking spots from the municipal parking lot to Greystone Construction for its Newcastle Street condo, so that residents could access the building's parking garage from Pritchard Lane.

Councillor Pam Sayne thought the township needed to exercise more co-operation on a project that would potentially revitalize the theatre, which has sat vacant and boarded up along Water Street for years.

"We have a building that is an eyesore in this community," Sayne said. "We have a developer that wants to do something new."

"That we're doing this with no drawings, no specificity, I think is irresponsible," Devolin responded. "We have a bit of talk, and that's all we have."

The reeve said he'd twice asked Lakhani to provide drawings to the township.

"Now it's before council, not any of us as individuals," Sayne said.

Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said she didn't think there was anyone around the council table who wouldn't like to see the theatre used again, but that Devolin was right.

"Basically, our reeve has asked the developer, twice, for some kind of plan and we've seen nothing," Murdoch said.

Councillors deferred to the request to a later meeting.

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Province mum on Service Ontario office

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The provincial government isn't providing much information on the future of the Minden Service Ontario office.

The *Times* initially learned in May that the province had plans to close the location along Highway 35, where residents go for driver's licence and health card renewals, licence plate stickers, hunting and fishing licences and a number of other services, at the end of November, as more of its services become available online.

The province also had plans to close Service Ontario offices in Guelph, Mississauga, Milton, Terrance Bay, Embrun, Morrisburg, Blind River and Kemptville.

There was public outpouring of anger in these communities, with thousands of residents signing online petitions, and in June, the province announced it was putting the closures on hold as it conducted a review.

Earlier this week, the *Times* inquired as to the results of that review and what would be happening to the Minden Service Ontario office.

"Our government is extremely proud of the customer ser-

vice our Service Ontario locations provide to Ontarians," read a response from the communications branch of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. "We are always looking at ways to improve our services and service delivery options to provide the very best service for our customers, which is why Service Ontario now offers 43 services online. We are evaluating the proposals to close nine Service Ontario locations announced earlier this year. Final decisions will be determined on a case-by-case basis, as the locations in question have unique circumstances. We take all customer concerns seriously and are committed to making the best decisions about delivery options for Service Ontario."

The *Times* asked when those final decisions would be made.

"In order to ensure that the best decision is made for each community, we need to take the time to thoroughly evaluate each case," the ministry replied. "At this time there is no set decision date."

There are two full-time employees – one permanent and one on a contract – currently working at the Minden Service Ontario office.



Digging out after snowfall

Minden resident Marcus Stong removes snow from his beloved mid-1990s Toyota 4Runner after more than 10 centimetres of snow that came Sunday night, Dec. 11. As a result of the conditions, students in Haliburton County awoke to a snow day announced by Trillium Lakelands District School Board./DARREN LUM Staff



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Ham-fisting it

LIKE A DRUNKEN Vaudeville performer, the Trudeau government is doing a ham-fisted jig away from its promise to create a new federal voting system in this country.

It's awkward to watch.

In the lead-up to the 2015 election, now-Prime Minister Justin Trudeau pledged that if the Liberals formed government, that election would be the last to utilize single-member plurality – the first-past-the-post system.

Canadians of course handed Trudeau a majority last October and the government got to work fulfilling the electoral reform promise. An all-party parliamentary committee was struck and MPs spent the summer and fall collecting feedback from constituents on electoral reform, that feedback given to the committee.

When the committee tabled its report early this month, its recommendation was that the government hold a national referendum on whether Canadians wanted to stick with the first-past-the-post system or switch to some form of proportional representation.

Many Canadians favour the idea of proportional representation, a system used by a number of countries in Europe, which would have the makeup of the House of Commons more accurately reflect the way voters cast their ballots. Clearly, the feedback received by the committee reflected this desire is widespread.

The government was none too happy about it. On Dec. 1, Democratic Institutions Minister Maryam Monsef launched a bizarre attack against the all-party committee in the House, saying it hadn't done its job.

Monsef apologized for her comments the next day.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

Then the government launched mydemocracy.ca, which, in the words of its homepage, "is an innovative way to join the conversation on electoral reform."

The survey poses a bunch of vague questions, asking respondents to pick the situations they like best.

At no time does it mention any specific alternative voting systems. It reads more like one of those personality quizzes you can take on the Internet to tell you which Star Wars character you are, than anything designed to implement change in the electoral system.

Some of the questions seem to attach a negative connotation to a system resembling proportional representation.

"Would you a favour a more complicated but accurate voting system, even if it meant all of your family would die in a fiery, fiery car crash?"

OK, that question was not part of the survey, but you get the idea.

Then there was the photo op with Monsef holding a picture of a quadratic equation, the implication being that proportional representation is too complicated for Canadians to understand.

It would be nice if federal governments would stop treating Canadians like they're morons. Harper did it by trying to frighten voters into believing ISIS could be waiting for them in the backyard when they got home (and look where it got him), and now Trudeau is doing it with electoral reform.

While it's unclear exactly where the bizarre story surrounding electoral reform will go from here, it's becoming pretty clear that Trudeau is likely to break what was one of his major campaign promises.

After all, why would you change the rules of a game you're winning?

Kwarky



Kim Wank

"I'll get my 10,000 steps in tonight!"

Gifts from the heart

JUST THIS MORNING I received a thoughtful email from a fellow hunter who had come up with a fantastic Christmas gift for his spouse.

Attached to the email was a photo of what presumably will be the last wife he will ever have wearing a set of homemade earrings that were constructed with genuine wild turkey beards. As you can imagine, this lucky woman had a surprised, almost stunned, look on her face – as was befitting. After all, both beards were at least 10 inches long.

If that isn't love I don't know what is.

Clearly, this is a great gift idea that rivals the tried and true classics such as matching moose hoof ash trays or the deer tail doorbell cover or even the famous deer antler toilet paper roll holder. And it's obviously one that the spouse of every outdoors person is sure to cherish.

But, before you give a special gift like this, you have to ask yourself the simple question: Is it too extravagant?

Well, that clearly depends on the woman and the event.

I'm not a fashion expert but I think I can say with some certainty that it's overly fancy for a demolition derby yet not too overstated for a lower-tier NASCAR race. For the former, a woman would do well with a subtle, turkey spur necklace or perhaps a goose tail feather hanging jauntily from her ball cap.

Then again, some women could easily pull off wearing turkey earrings at a wild game dinner.

The point here is hunting is not only about the experience or meat. There are many other benefits, including being able to give your loved one a gift that comes

straight from the heart.

I ask you, what woman would not want her very own stylish snow shovel made from the antler of a 50-plus inch bull moose? With the right amount of duct tape and the screws placed just so, it might be that gift that finally leaves her speechless.

I was discussing these outdoorsy gift themes with my own special someone the other day and she cautioned me against doing so – several times in fact.

That's just like her though. She has never been one to draw undue attention to herself with elegant baubles like the bear claw

back scratcher I made her two Christmases ago. Between you and me, I think having a treasure like this around the house makes her more than a bit nervous. Why else would she have hidden it in the crawlspace?

I know she considers it a treasure. I still remember her exact words when I gave it to her. She whispered, "Wow! This is priceless. Truly @#!\$ priceless."

And while that was mostly true, her estimation did not take into account the 50 cents' worth of Gorilla glue I used to affix the claws.

Look, we all know it's too late for us to up our games when it comes to Christmas presents this year. But it's certainly not too late to be planning for next year. Whether you intend on giving something fun like a deer rib magazine rack or a token of your affection such as earrings made primarily of bird parts, I think it's fair to say that you should not skimp on quality. For the love of God, get the best animal parts you can.

After all this might be the gift that changes everything. More than that it might mean getting something equally precious back. I know my partner told me that if I did this, she'd probably give me a hoof in return.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Our drug overdose epidemic

BACK IN 2003, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) arrived in Toronto from China. Roughly 400 people got it, 43 died, Ontario declared a public health emergency and the rest of the country lived in fear waiting for it to spread.

As this is written, hundreds of people are overdosing on illegal drugs across Canada. It is an epidemic more widespread and damaging than SARS, yet there is no concerted national effort to stop it.

No one seems to know exactly how many people are dying, but British Columbia reports 622 overdose deaths between Jan. 1 and Oct. 31 this year.

Ontario says it had 2,471 opioid overdoses between 2011 and 2014. It doesn't say how many involved deaths, or why in this computer age of Smart Meters that pick the pockets of electricity users, it can't provide up-to-date, current statistics.

At any rate, we don't need exact figures to know that every day people in every part of Canada are dying of illegal drug overdoses. It is a national health emergency, but no emergency is being declared.

Deaths from illegal drug overdoses are soaring because of synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. Fentanyl is a pain killer and anaesthetic used in medical situations and is much more powerful than morphine.

Fentanyl products manufactured by illegal labs in China, and here in Canada, have no dosage controls. Criminals mix it haphazardly with other drugs to give bigger, better highs. It is said that in some cases a fentanyl amount the size of two grains of salt can kill a healthy adult.

The Centres for Disease Control and Prevention reports that every day in the U.S. 78 people die from an opioid overdose. Between the years 2000 and 2014 almost half a million Americans died from drug overdoses.

The epicentre of the Canadian opioid epidemic is Vancouver, where emergency medical teams, social outreach workers and police are unable to keep up with the flow of opioids and the numbers of people overdosing. But the tragic effects are being seen across Canada.

Last week four young children in Calgary woke up to find both their mom and dad dead from drug overdoses. The parents were drug users and the suspicion is they took drugs laced with a fatal amount of fentanyl.

Calgary police have said the force, and Calgary citizens, are fed up with the car thefts, home break-ins and other crimes tied to the drug epidemic.

Alberta authorities believe the problems will get worse, with the introduction of carfentanil into the illicit drug market. Carfentanil, used to sedate large animals such as elephants, is said to be 100 times more potent than fentanyl. Alberta has confirmed 15 carfentanil deaths, 14 this fall.

B.C. declared a public health emergency earlier this year in response to the drug epidemic. It had seen drug overdose deaths rise from 364 in 2014 to 475 in 2015, a 30 per cent increase, then 201 deaths in the first three months of 2016. The numbers continue to rise and probably are at 700 or more by now.

Last week the province began opening emergency overdose prevention sites. The sites likely are not legal under federal laws governing supervised injection sites. At the emergency overdose sites, addicts will shoot up on their own while trained workers will be on hand to administer advice and overdose antidotes.

The sites are an effort to reduce the increasing number of calls handled by emergency responders.

"We are doing this because we have to," B.C. health minister Terry Lake said. "It is a bit like putting out forest fires – you just have to do it and piece together the costing details later."

Good on him for not fiddling while the bodies pile up in the streets.

There have been high-level calls for the federal government to declare the drug epidemic a national public health emergency. The House of Commons health committee has recommended an emergency declaration.

However, federal health minister Jane Philpott said the situation cannot be solved overnight and needs more study.

More information on the fentanyl epidemic can be found in an interesting CBC report at: <http://www.cbc.ca/firsthand/episodes/unstoppable-the-fentanyl-epidemic>.

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50 years of counting birds

Why are humans so fascinated by birds? Is it the variety of colours, shapes and sizes? Is it because many sing so beautifully? Perhaps we envy their ability to fly. Or maybe it's because they're willing to interact by raising their families nearby and coming to be fed, even scolding when we're tardy at providing their breakfasts. Could it be we admire their independence, seemingly trusting, yet aloof? Whatever the reasons, of all the aspects of nature that intrigue us, birds top the list. On a cold snowy winter morning, who can resist the cheery call of the first chickadee to appear at the feeder.

It's hard to believe it's been half a century since George Scott and I spent seven hours tallying birds on that first local count, in 1967. We found only 19 species, none of which were waterfowl. There's no official record of what the weather was like that day, but I remember walking across the pasture at the family farm on a calm sunny afternoon with a few inches of snow covering the ground, while constant flocks of finches passed overhead. We didn't tally any birds we couldn't positively identify, so many finches went unrecorded, many more than George wrote down in his notebook. Among those that were identified were 65 red crossbills, more than three times the highest total for that species found on any count since. There must have been an excellent cone crop that year, since we also identified 43 purple finches, 105 pine siskins and 195 American goldfinches. While there may have been a few people putting out food back then, feeders wasn't a major source of nourishment for wintering birds.

George was a superb artist and knew every detail of bird plumages, but years of working in the noisy General Motors factory near his Oshawa home had damaged his hearing to the point where he couldn't hear more distant finches. While my hearing was keen, in those days my experience with finch call notes was limited.

The mix of species in 1967 was quite different than today. Birds considered common now weren't around back then. The first wintering Canada goose wasn't tallied until 1988. And none nested here in summer. The first northbound flocks in April were a sure sign that spring was on its way, and the plaintive calls of southbound geese in October heralded the arrival of colder weather that would soon freeze local ponds and lakes.

The first wild turkey didn't appear until 1999 and a bald eagle wasn't recorded until 1994, although one was spotted during count week in 1986. The first two northern cardinals showed up in 1973, but they weren't found regularly until the mid-1990s. While herring gulls were recorded on counts in the mid-1970s when snow came late and larger lakes remained ice-free, other gull species appearing at local garbage dumps is a much more recent occurrence.

There were many more garbage dumps in those days catering to ravens, starlings, blue jays and crows. Gray jays, too, came to feed. Their numbers were much higher back then, but have dwindled to the point where it requires special effort to get even one on today's counts.

The number of species recorded during the 1970s ranged in the '20s. During the 1980s that number climbed into the '30s, and by the 1990s count totals were in the '40s. The high count was in 2011 with 56 species due to the six gull species found that day. The cumulative total of species found over the first 49 counts is 105, quite amazing for Haliburton County in mid-December. Of those, 22 species have been found only once. Only seven

species have showed up on every count. Except for ruffed grouse and common raven, the other five probably can be found each winter's day at every feeder in the county. They are downy and hairy woodpeckers, blue jay, black-capped chickadee and white-breasted nuthatch.

As would be expected in mid-December, weather conditions have varied widely on count day. More pleasant memories are of birding in shirtsleeves and shoes, counting groups of golden-crowned kinglets among oaks along the shore of Gull Lake. Or encountering an otter while paddling among the islands at the south end of the lake on a calm, warm sunny morning. More challenging was once having to haul the canoe out onto ice and slide it along to get past a frozen section of the Gull River south of Minden on a morning when the temperature hovered around -20C, or other times wading through thigh-deep snow to try to catch a glimpse of an elusive woodpecker.

We've been spoiled by moderate weather so far this fall, but the forecast is for a dramatic change during the week leading up to this year's count, both in terms of snowfall and plunging temperatures. If these predictions are accurate, wintering birds will be visiting feeders more regularly to fuel up for long frosty nights. Suet is especially important for woodpeckers and nuthatches during colder weather. A good suet supply might also attract gray jays in areas near bogs and evergreen-bordered wetlands.

Sunflower and niger seeds will encourage visits from wintering finches. Although wild cone crops are poor, seeds on some cedar and birch trees have encouraged goldfinches to hang around. There are also reports of evening grosbeaks, common redpolls, red and white-winged crossbills, and even the odd purple finch.

The local count circle is the standard fifteen miles across, extending from Kinmount in the south, west to Bob Lake, to Mountain Lake in the north and east to Irondale, Gelert, Lochlin and Ingoldsby. It was selected to include the most open water in the Gull River and Burnt River systems.

Every year folks reporting birds seen at their feeders and in their travels about the circle are critically important to the success of the count. You always add several species to the total. So top up your feeders and have your birds added to the millions tallied on the thousands of CBCs across North America and beyond.

Contact Ed, Thom or Dennis for more information, or to join a group on Dec. 17.

To report birds at your feeder, phone 286-1189 between 5 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 17, or phone Ed or Thom on Dec. 18. Or you can email your results to Dennis or mail them to Dennis Barry, 338 Crystal Beach Blvd. Whitby, ON L1N 9Z7. Species not seen by anyone on Dec. 17, but found on December 14, 15, 16, 18, 19 or 20 will be recorded as Count Week birds. Numbers of individuals are not recorded for birds seen on any day except Dec. 17. We just want to know, for example, that, while no one saw a robin anywhere in the count circle on Dec. 17, you saw one in your crab apple tree on Dec. 15.

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- Submitted by Dennis Barry



O holy night

The first story of Christmas was showcased at the St. Paul's Anglican Church's third annual Christmas pageant on Saturday, Dec. 10 in Minden. Opera singer Richard Margison, who is a founder and artistic director of the Highlands Opera Studio, sang after the Christmas staging./DARREN LUM Staff

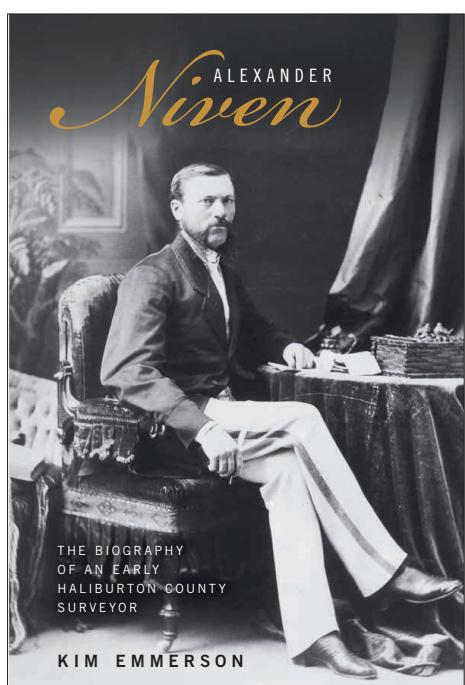
Bottom right, Opera singer Richard Margison sings for a large audience at the St. Paul's Anglican Church's third annual Christmas pageant .



The story of Christmas was acted out by members of the church, accompanied by piano and choral music.

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Council passes on live streaming meetings

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills council meetings won't be live-streamed on the Internet any time in the near future.

Councillors decided to forgo spending money on a system that would allow council meetings to be aired live, as well as stored in a digital archive, during a Dec. 8 meeting.

The live streaming of Minden Hills council meetings was a campaign pledge of Reeve Brent Devolin during the 2014 election.

Property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram told council he'd visited council chambers in Bracebridge, where such a system is in place.

"They're into it for about \$160,000 right now, plus they

just added another \$15,000 in upgrades," Ingram said.

A report from Ingram said issues that had been identified with that system included Internet browser compatibility, switching between presentations as well as open and closed sessions of council, delays when moving from closed to open session, troubles with the synchronization of sound and image, as well as uploading.

Ingram also noted that while the council chambers in Bracebridge are set up permanently for council purposes, in Minden Hills, council chambers double as the county courthouse.

Since only \$30,000 had been budgeted for such a project, Ingram's report said additional funds would be required if council decided to move ahead with the project as part of its 2017 budget.

Devolin, acknowledging a live-streaming system had been his idea, said he was prepared to shelve the idea at least for

now, given the township has other expensive priorities.

"It's a lot of money and we have a lot of needs," he said. "Timing is everything. The timing is not appropriate. I think its day will come. I think the sticker [price] is beyond what people would support at this time."

Minden Hills recently awarded a \$2 million contract for the design and construction of a new fire hall to Huntsville's Greystone Construction and is also exploring options for a multi-million-dollar renovation of the arena and community centre.

It was Ingram's suggestion that if council was going to proceed with a live-streaming project, that it survey residents first, to gauge how many of them would actually use such a service.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon suggested that many of the community's senior residents likely would not.

MH expects surplus of \$425,000

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills township is anticipating a surplus of approximately \$425,000 for 2016.

Factors such as weather – the roads department is estimating a surplus for the year of more than \$250,000 – and unanticipated revenues led to the surplus.

Pam Sayne wanted to know what percentage of the overall tax levy the year-end result was off by, saying it's her understanding a healthy margin of error is three per cent or less.

Blanchard said the anticipated surplus would represent about a seven per cent deviation.

"Maybe we can be a little more accurate," said Sayne, adding she didn't want to see the township taking more than required from taxpayers.

"You do your best on estimates," Blanchard said, adding that each department head is given their department's actuals for the past few years as they draft their departmental budgets. "Revenue's always hard to predict."

Council recently voted to award the contract for the design and construction of a new fire hall along Highway 35

to Huntsville's Greystone Construction. The contract is for \$1.9 million. With the \$1.2 million in the township's capital reserves and drawing on some other reserve funds, there will be about a \$540,000 shortfall on the project.

"If we come in somewhere around this [estimated surplus] number, we will be well on our way to being able to fund this," said Blanchard, meaning the township would not have to rely on a loan to fill the funding gap. "I'd much rather not have to go out to debenture."

Reeve Brent Devolin said when it comes time for the township to embark on a multi-million-dollar renovation of the arena and community centre, the municipality will be looking at a bank loan.

"My hope was we wouldn't have to debenture on both [projects]," Devolin said. "You don't want to get more from the taxpayers than you need to, but we have known there have been some big ticket items coming."

The township also learned that it will receive about \$160,000 more from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund in 2017 than it did for 2016, bringing that total to approximately \$1.6 million.

The OMPP provides equalization funding to municipalities and Minden Hills will be getting a rural community grant, as well as northern and rural fiscal circumstance grant.



Hair Stylist Services Request for Quotations

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) MINDEN Site is inviting quotations for providing hairdressing services for the residents of Hyland Crest 2 days a week. Specifications may be picked up at the Minden Business Office, or the Haliburton Business Office, or can be faxed and/or emailed to you by calling 705-457-1392 ext. 2249 or email resume to adecorle@hhhs.ca

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Help book available

The Haliburton Highlands Help Directory, a consolidated listing of contacts for government, health, social and other services in the county, has been published thanks to a volunteer committee that includes Joan Featherstone, left, Jim Fox and Marilynne Lesperance. Minden Hills township lent financial support to the project, as did auditing firm KPMG. The booklets were produced by Parker Pad and Printing. An online version can also be found at https://olco.ent.sirsidynix.net/client/en_US/search/asset/10901/0. CHAD INGRAM Staff

Minden Hills penalizes Fowler Construction for time overrun

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Minden Hills council has denied a request from Fowler Construction that the company get an extended timeline on a contract to relocate and expand a quonset hut near the arena and will fine the company \$500 a day until the work is completed.

During a Dec. 8 meeting, councillors received a request from the company, asking that the township give it until Dec. 14 to complete the job, despite Nov. 30 being the date of completion laid out in the contract for the project.

"Due to circumstances beyond the control of Fowler Construction, we are requesting an extension of time to the above noted contract," read the request, dated Nov. 23.

However, council did not agree that the circumstances were beyond the company's control.

"There was no work on it for two or three days after the building was moved," community services director Mark Coleman told coun-

cillors. Coleman added that, "this request came out of the blue to me."

"The reasons for the delay are within the control of Fowler," said Reeve Brent Devolin, adding the company is a large one.

Councillor Jean Neville said complete work within the specified time limit of a contract is part of fulfilling a contract.

"That's one of the requirements of a tender," Neville said. "I could see that you might get backlash from other tender applicants."

Council voted to enforce the contract as it's written, meaning Fowler will pay the township \$500 a day in damages until the work is complete.

The township paid Fowler \$150,000 for the relocation and expansion of the quonset hut. The hut had been located near the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena, in the area where the Pine Grove Place affordable housing complex is under construction. While \$80,000 had been budgeted for the project, it required the pouring of an engineered, concrete pad at the hut's new home near the ball diamonds. That part of the project cost nearly \$75,000.

Message to Readers

Echo & Times Holiday Schedule

The Echo & Times will not be published the week of December 26. County Life will be published as usual Thursday, December 29.

The Echo office hours are as follows:

CLOSED: December 26 and December 27

OPEN: December 28 – 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CLOSED: January 2, 2017

The Minden Times office will be closed December 26, 2016 - January 3, 2017.



Insurance premiums rise six per cent

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Dec. 8 meeting of Minden Hills council.

Insurance premiums for the township will rise about six per cent – or about \$17,000 – to bring the total for 2017 to approximately \$295,000.

The increase is based on a number of factors, including that the average age of township employees has gone up and the Ontario Dental Association increases its fees by approximate six per cent each year.

Evaluating firefighters

Minden Hills councillors discussed having members of its volunteer fire department assessed in performance appraisals. Currently there are no performance appraisals done for firefighters. It's likely such evaluations would be done every other year, as opposed

to annually.

Orde Street main break

The cost for an emergency repair of a sewer line break along Orde Street in Minden will cost the township \$15,000. Property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram told councillors the break was caused by a large rock near the pipe causing damage over time.

Snowmobile races

The Minden Kin Club will bring vintage snowmobile racing to its ice oval at the Minden fairgrounds this winter. Scheduled dates for the events are Jan. 21 and March 11. Those weekends bookend the club's regular car ice racing series, which takes place over a number of weekends during the winter. The club is expected as many as 50 participants, 100 pit crew and 300 spectators for the snowmobile events.

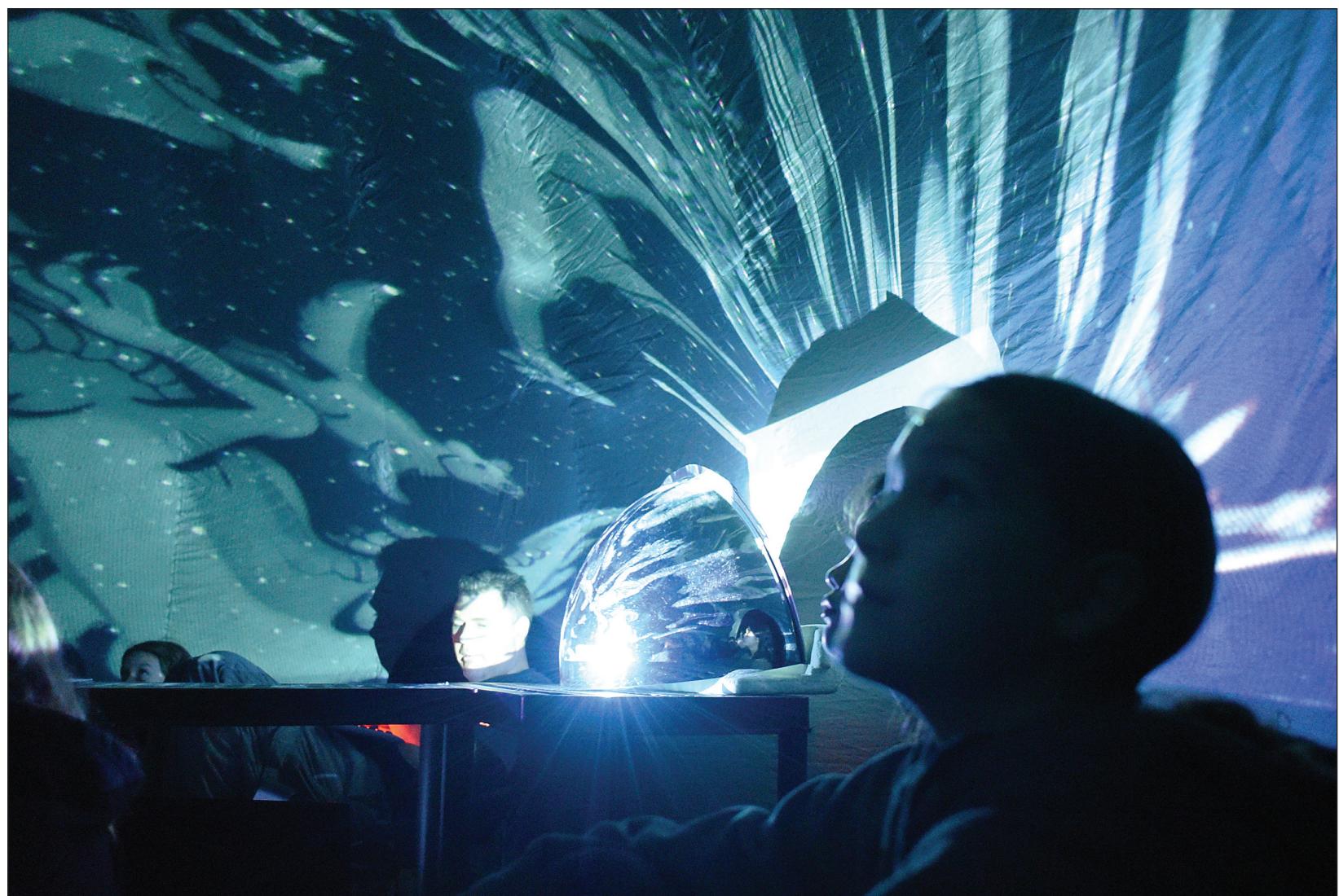


Christmas cheer at lunch

Gordon and Joan Arthur were dressed in Christmas cheer for an appreciation luncheon for clients of Community Support Services at the Minden Legion on Thursday, Dec. 1. CHAD INGRAM Staff



The Minden Legion hosted a holiday appreciation luncheon for clients of HHSS's Community Support Services on Dec. 1. CHAD INGRAM Staff



Star gazing

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 6 students see constellations from the projection by the Ontario Planetarium on Friday, Dec. 9 as part of enrichment programming offered through the Minden school. Led by the travelling planetarium's Peter McMahon, a science journalist, students were organized into groups and taken on an approximately 30 minute virtual tour of the universe, visiting the space station, a blackhole, the planets and moons in different groups throughout the day. The planetarium is an inflatable dome structure and has a projector displaying images of outer space on the curved interior. The next sessions in the series are breakdancing lessons and an aboriginal culture event./DARREN LUM Staff



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Remembering the ice age

Ice is one of those things, if you slip on it a little, you might find yourself in the ditch, but if you slip on it a lot, you might find yourself skating. Thought at one time to be insignificant, ice grew into a massive industry in the 19th century. At its peak, the industry was worth more than \$25 million (\$650 million in 2016 terms). Ice was used commercially and in the family home to preserve food. It allowed food to arrive, to consumers "fresh," as opposed to salted, pickled, smoked or dried.

As seen in this photo, two men are loading the bed of a sleigh with ice blocks. The man to the right is shown using a hollow handle ice tong to hold the block steady. They would have measured the ice and then used an ice saw to cut through the top layer. Ice that was thinner than eight inches might melt before

getting to an ice house, selling and then ending up in the family's ice box. By 1940 most homes had purchased electric freezers or refrigerator. This allowed for ice to be produced at home and largely depleted the ice trade.

Like most jobs in the early 20th century, ice harvesting was demanding and dangerous. This photo captures a moment amid work, where the men seemed to have stopped to pose for the picture, therefore capturing what was thought to be an everyday occurrence that is scarcely seen nowadays. The photo is only made more beautiful by the silver dappled horses seen in the background.

Ruth O'Connell
Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village

Gift certificates enable Haliburton County residents to give native plants for Christmas

Bringing some green to a white Christmas and hope for a healthy spring is easy this year with newly announced native plant sale gift certificates, according to Norm Thomas, president of Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL).

The annual FEEL Native Plant Sale, originally initiated by the Haliburton Stewardship Council, reopened online on Dec. 1. The sale offers a diverse variety of high quality native and eco-friendly plants (trees, shrubs, vines, flowers, ground covers, grasses and heirloom plants).

The available plants help residents beautify their properties, start a garden, shade a patio, start a trellis, create wildlife habitat, enjoy wild edibles, naturalize a shoreline, reforest an open area, create diversity, control erosion and enhance a space for butterflies and other pollinators.

Individual plants can be bought, or bundles including the "climate change tree bundle," and "shoreline shrub bundle," have been organized by experienced botanists.

"Many people who cottage in the area will buy plants they like at nurseries near where they live, not realizing that those plants will not thrive in this climate or this soil," said Thomas, "That's why we stress they buy plants native to this area."

The sale aims to increase awareness of the benefits and value of na-

tive plants, and encourage their use as a stewardship tool by landowners and community organizations. The sale raises funds for the annual two-day Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival, held locally, which teaches and motivates elementary students to be water stewards in their classroom, homes and community.

Thomas said the native plant sale has been popular, with more than 680 plants sold last year.

"We had a number of scientists on our board, so the plant sale seemed a natural fit," he said. "As it turned out, on the day of delivery having so many individuals who knew so much about plants was a bonus. For the past two years, our repeat business has come about partly because of the mentoring that has been available to those with specific questions or concerns."

The annual native plant sale closes on April 15. Plant pickup day takes place at the Haliburton Beer Store on May 13, between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plants are sold online at haliburton-stewardship.ca on a first-come, first served basis. Gift certificates are available online.

Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning is a registered charity whose mission is to advance the public's awareness, understanding and appreciation of ecosystems.

Submitted

Farmers' market looks for alternative location

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market is planning ahead and seeking some alternative locations for their popular Carnarvon market.

Chair of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association, Angel Taylor made a presentation to council on Dec. 8, updating councillors on the success of the market and the possible need for a new location.

For the past number of years, the market has operated a Friday location in Carnarvon in an empty property next to Rhubarb restaurant near the intersection of Highway 118 and 35.

With permission, the market would use an empty lot across the street for parking, however that lot is up for sale, meaning parking could be an issue in the future, said Taylor.

The instability of the current location has the association seeking other options in the nearby area, with the property at the Stanhope Community Centre a consideration, said Taylor.

Market organizers have conducted a casual poll to see if the new location would be popular, with many customers saying they would follow the market, she said. However vendors aren't so sure.

“We would like to have some sort of contingency plan and are looking for some suggestions.”

— ANGEL TAYLOR

tables and adequate parking.

The market would also be seeking permission to have buskers performing at the location, with respect given to the type of music and volume.

Attendance at last year's Carnarvon market surpassed 13,300 people, said Taylor.

“We would like to have some sort of contingency plan and are looking for some suggestions,” she said.

Reeve Carol Moffatt thought the community centre was a great location and met all the requirements the market had.

“It’s unfortunate it’s off the beaten path,” said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, adding she couldn’t think of a better alternative.

Councillor Brian Lynch said he thought the Stanhope location was very suitable, as it had great recreation facilities as well, including tennis courts and a playground. Councillor Lisa Barry agreed.

Moffatt said in the past events held at the Stanhope location have been very well attended.

“It’s a knockout location, it’s just not on a busy road,” said Taylor.

Council passed a resolution to support the Stanhope Community Centre location if it’s needed.



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Lake of Bays seeks financial support for economic development

by ANGELICA INGRAM
Times Staff

The township of Lake of Bays is seeking financial support from Algonquin Highlands to go towards the creation of an economic development strategy.

Economic development co-ordinator Jennifer Pilon made the request to council at their Dec. 8 meeting, outlining the request is for 15 per cent of the strategy's total cost, up to a maximum of \$8,000.

For the past few years Algonquin Highlands has been contributing \$5,000 a year towards Lake of Bays' economic development initiatives, such as a Dorset community brochure, a promotional video for Dorset, tourism promotion and more.

The community of Dorset falls right in between both townships.

A planned economic development strategy to be put together in 2017 would aim to identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities that a community should be investing into to help sustain a year-round economy, as well as engage the community to identify local priorities and create a framework of action, said Pilon.

“We want your help and input,” she said.

Reeve Carol Moffatt said they wanted to be involved in the process and not just be an afterthought.

“We want our finger on the pulse,” she said.

The financial request was deferred to 2017 budget deliberations.

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Mondays

Men

High average Claude Cote 214
High single Marty Schuster 268
High single handicap Marty Schuster 315
High triple Marty Schuster 657
High triple handicap Marty Schuster 798

Ladies

Chris Cote 177
High single Chris Cote 219
High single handicap Gloria Taylor 268
High triple Chris Cote 601
High triple handicap Chris Cote 721

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Dec. 6

Men

High Average Ken Thompson 209
High Single Ken Thompson 293
High Single H/C Ken Thompson 307
High Triple Ken Thompson 653
High Triple H/C Ken Thompson 695

Ladies

High Average Chris Cote 186
High Single Chris Cote 254
High Single H/C Mabel Clendenning 292
High Triple Chris Cote 660
High Triple H/C Chris Cote 759

Friday

Men

High average Claude Cote 197
High single Claude Cote 248
High single handicap Michael Vuksic 278
High triple Claude Cote 611
High triple handicap Michael Vuksic 730

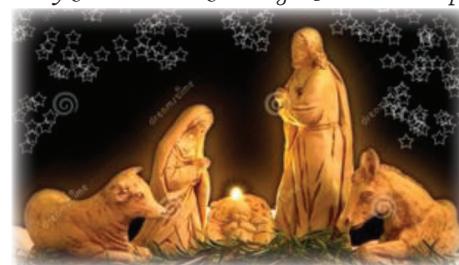
Ladies

High average Chris Cote 187
High single Ren Higgins 189
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First league victory seized by Red Hawks hockey team

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

The first win of the season was more about respect for the game than it was about dominating the opponent, said Red Hawks hockey coach Ron Yake.

Taking it 9-3 on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the A.J. LaRue Arena, the home team didn't have to worry about losing, as it started with four goals and then added three more in the second before the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins could respond late in the second.

Yake pointed out high school hockey includes a wide range of talent levels, contributing to lopsided games like this one.

"Some teams have different goals when they're getting a program together and obviously their team has different goals than what we would have," he said. "You have to try and work with that and support their program as well as support ours so I thought our guys did a real good job going out playing hockey hard and realizing, 'you know what, it's time to slow down a little bit and respect the other team for the program they have.' A lot of credit goes to our guys for having some respect in the game and finish it out with class."

If a game between two teams of teenagers could be described as gentlemanly, this was it.

Both teams combined for only three penalties. Haliburton actually were edged out in this regard, finishing with just one while the visitors were penalized for a pair. It was about the only area of the game the Hawks lost at.

TASS played as well as they could, but were easily outmanned, playing with close to two lines to Haliburton's three. Their players were smaller on average in height and girth and several players lacked the skill and pace of the Hawks players.

The Hawks and the Griffins both entered the game winless after two. However, the league's last ranked team, TASS had yet to score any goals in two previous league games while allowing 12. Yake said his team, which had just come off of a hard fought 2-2 tie in their home opener against Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute, had difficulty with remaining motivated for the third when the game was easily in hand, resulting in being outscored in the last period 2-1.

"Our guys were taking it easy. Not playing full out so that happens," he said.

The coaching staff tried to employ strategies to make the



TASS defender Jordan Sukumaran, left, and Red Hawks centre Owen Patterson-Smith fight for a loose puck during Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. The Hawks won 9-3 for their first league win and improve to 1-1-1. TASS remains winless 0-0-3./DARREN LUM Staff

game a little more challenging.

One of them was to encourage each line to pass so everybody on the ice touched the puck before taking a shot at net.

The coaches liked the puck movement, but Yake will focus on raising the efficiency of the powerplay.

Like any year, the team will need time to achieve an efficient powerplay.

"Every year it takes a long time to develop a good powerplay so we're going to keep working on that," he said.

Looking ahead, Yake liked how his team moved the puck and appreciated how some of his players, who would otherwise not get as much ice time or puck possession, got to play in a game situation.

The forward lines, who scored all nine goals against the Griffins, have looked good to Yake, who sees only minor

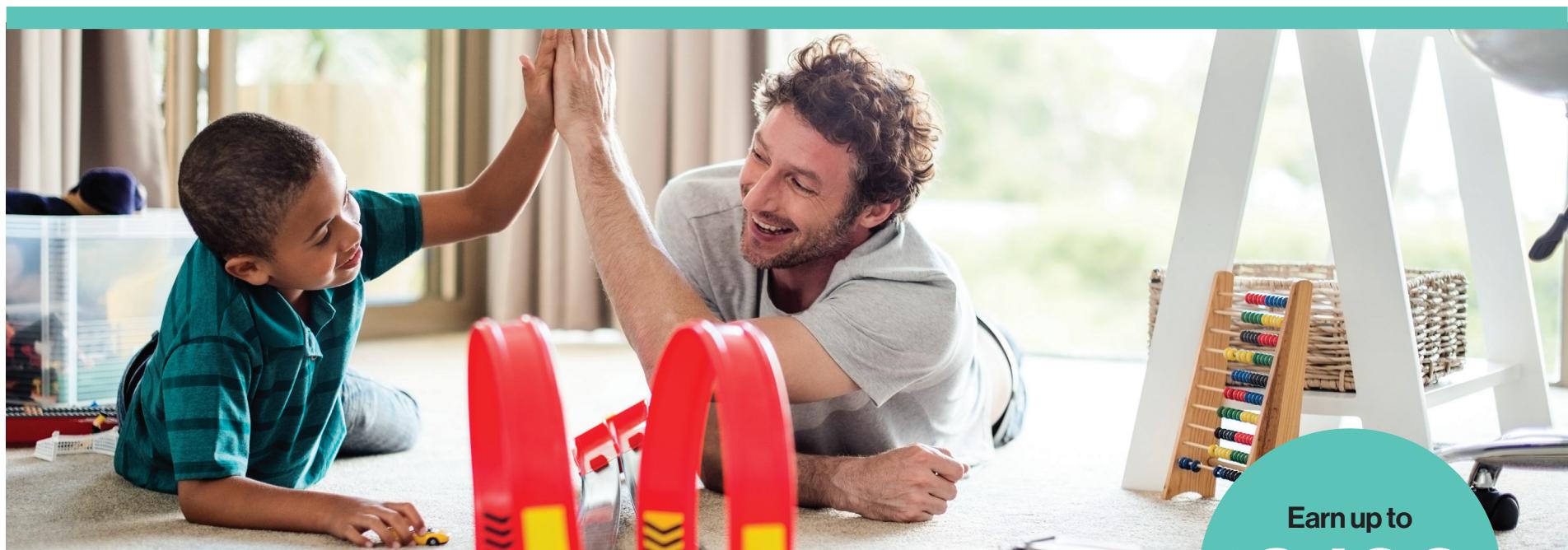
changes if any in the future.

OHL-drafted Mat Wilbee centres a line with Chase Burden and Josh Boice. Another line is Paydon Miscio at centre with Owen Gilbert and Jacob Haedicke, and then Owen Patterson-Smith as centre with Owen Smith, also an OHL draft, and Chris Thompson.

"Line chemistry is important hockey and to find the right mix sometimes takes a while. We're getting there now," he said.

Hawks notes: Owen Gilbert finished with three points (two goals and one assist), Chase Burden two goals; Mat Wilbee three points (one goal and two assists) and Paydon Miscio three points (one goal and two assists).

The team will host Adam Scott this Thursday, Dec. 14 at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Puck drops at 3:50 p.m.



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Tykes have first tournament

The Tom Prentice and Sons tyke team had their first tournament of the season on Saturday, Dec. 3. Deagan Davison scored in the first period starting their first game off against the Kawartha Coyotes Red team. Henry Neilson scored in the second period with Davison and Vanek Logan scoring in the third period to tie it up and move into a shoot-out. Hudson Horsley played tremendously and saved all shots on him in the shoot-out. Evan Perrot and Logan both scored in the shoot-out to win the game 5-4. The second game was a tough battle against the Whitby Wildcats. Davison scored a hat trick with Logan adding to the scoreboard. The team played amazing and fought to the end of the game. Sadly, they lost in the end with a score 10-4. The third and final game against Kawartha Coyote white team was a tiresome battle. It allowed the team to work on their teamwork and moving the puck. Kamahl Russell-Casey raised the puck to score in the first period. The whole team skated hard but wasn't able to pull out a win. What a great start to the tyke season and hard work by all the players. Go, Storm, go!

Submitted by Tamara Bain

Atoms tie Lightning

The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms hosted the Mariposa Lightning at the A.J. LaRue arena on Sunday, Dec. 11. This was a close game from the very beginning. Addison Carr was the first to score early in the first period and Avery Degeer scored assisted by Cody Keller two minutes after but with 20 seconds left the Lightning scored their first goal of the game. The second period started with a goal by the Lightning and then another three minutes later. The Storm were down 3-2. Going into the third, Cooper Coles scored the first goal of the third tying the game 3-3. However at 4:55 Lightning scored to take back their lead. But Storm were not going down that easy, with three minutes left Austin Boylan scored and the game stayed tied. The final score was 4-4.

On Dec. 17, the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travel to Huntsville to face the Huntsville Otters at 3:30 p.m.

Submitted by Amber Card

Midget A team crushes Rock

The Storm Midget A team crushed the Muskoka Rock 4-1 in Port Carling Sunday afternoon. The first period offered lots of back and forth action but remained scoreless. Both teams worked aggressively to get on the scoreboard in the second period. The Storm team maintained control of the puck after an awesome rush. Passes from Ryan Prentice and Trevor Turner found the stick of Owen Patterson-Smith. He manoeuvred through the defence and his keen eye found the top corner

opening, for the first goal. That gave the Storm team a jolt of momentum and they continued to dominate the game. Less than a minute later, Greg Crofts made a quick pass from behind the net to the open Owen Gilbert, he was in front of the net and ready to slam in the second goal. The Storm continued to push. A few minutes later, they successfully duplicated the previous goal. This time it was Nik Dollo who was open in front of the net and ready to score the third goal. The pass from behind the net came from Owen Patterson-Smith. That comfortable 3-0 lead for the Storm midget team ended the second period. It was a fast paced third period and the Rock pushed hard at the Storm. That resulted in a goal and closed the gap to 3-1. Both teams worked hard. As did Greg Crofts when he raced ahead of the Rock's player and picked up the puck for a breakaway. He rushed to the net but was hauled down resulting in an opportunity for the rare penalty shot. The excitement grew as Greg set off, it was a great try and hard shot that just missed. Later, Chris Thompson's tenacious attitude paid off as he fought for the puck, maintained controlled while being pestered, but still managed a shot and got the goal. A great 4-1 win for the Storm.

Drop in to the Haliburton arena Tuesday at 8:30 for the next Storm midget game against the Mariposa Lightning.

Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Midget B girls grapple with Lynx and Comets

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls hosted Cold Creek on Saturday afternoon in Bancroft. The Jets looked to keep building on their second half of the season focus against the second place Comets in their LLFHL Eastern loop play. Bancroft started the game with an aggressive attack and secured an early first period 1-0 with Kenndal Marsden's snap shot that beat the Comet tender low glove side. Jules Croskery gave the Jets a 2-0 first period lead, finishing off a sweet pass from Katie Funk as she stepped out from behind the Cold Creek net. The Comets gained some momentum in the second when they capitalized on their power play, sliding a deflected puck into the net. Both teams battled to find the next marker but both tenders kept the score at 2-1. Great gritty team effort, Jets!

Bancroft travelled to Lindsay on Sunday night to face off against the pesky Lynx squad. Jordan Brownlee gave the Jets a late first period 1-0 lead capitalizing on a determined effort in the Lindsay end, putting home a loose puck off a scramble in the Lynx goal-mouth. Lindsay evened the score at 1-1 late in the second period with a power play marker from a point shot that went high glove through a maze of players. Both teams tried to find the tie-breaker but could not find the twine at the other

end of the rink. The Jets take on the Keene Wolverines next weekend in a home-and-home battle – Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. in Keene and then Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in Bancroft. Be sure the tanks are refuelled, girls, as we focus on the weekend challenge in an effort to maintain first place in our Eastern loop.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

Peewees vanquish Rock

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm peewees headed to Port Carling to face the Muskoka Rock. The Storm opened the scoring with a wrap around goal by Nick Phippen unassisted. With both teams battling back and forth the Storm scored again with a goal by Dylan Keefer assisted by Ty Mills. The Muskoka Rock scored one at the end of the first to put the score at 2-1 for the Storm going into the second. The Storm took control in the second period scoring three more goals. Goals scored by Keefer assisted by Kyan Hall, Keefer unassisted and the third goal by Colin Glecoff unassisted putting the Storm up 5-1. The third period the Storm kept control of the game scoring three more goals. With goals going to Keefer assisted by Mills, Glecoff assisted by Hunter Winder and Evan Armstrong and the final goal scored by Keefer assisted by Hall and Ben Robinson. Great goaltending by Darian Maddock giving the Storm the 8-1 win. The Storm's next game is Saturday, Dec. 17 at 4:10 in Huntsville against the Otters.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Peewee girls tackle Kats

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls played a double header in Peterborough on Sunday to take on the Ice Kats. The first game saw some great end-to-end action with outstanding saves by both goalies. The Ice Kats proved they were an improved team as they challenged the girls on every play. The Ice Kats had a one-goal lead in the third period but the Jets tied the game with 33 seconds left. Goals scored by Avery Coens and Ava Smith. Assists to Trista Young (2) and Olivia Villamere (2).

The second game of the day the Jets came out wanting the full two points. With good defensive plays to keep the puck out of our end the forwards capitalized on the opportunities and netted three goals giving Bella Smolen the shutout on the game with a final score of 3-0. Goals scored by Mackenzie Hudder, Emma Tidey and Ava Smith. Assists going to Coens, Villamere, Megan Jenkins (2), Yound and Tidey.

The girls will play their final home game in Haliburton Saturday at 6 p.m. before the holiday break. Come cheer on the Jets.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Novices have busy weekend

The Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team had a full schedule this past weekend starting on Friday, Dec. 9 when they travelled to Oakwood to play against the Mariposa Lightning. The Storm came out flat in the first period and found themselves trailing by three early. Shortly into the second, the Storm found their stride and the scoring streak began. The Storm continued their offensive pressure for the remainder of the game leading to a 7-4 win for the Storm. Goals were scored by Brechin Johnston, Jace Mills, Josh Scheffee and Liam Harrison. Excellent defence and goaltending sealed the deal for the Storm.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team were off to Parry Sound for a double header in league game action. The first game was a battle from start to finish. Brechin Johnston scored the first goal of the game and put the Storm on top. Excellent defence by Brady Burtch, Evan Jones, Caleb Manning and Parker Simms minimized the scoring power of the Shamrocks. Hard checking by MacLean Rowden and Austin Latanville led to many turnover opportunities for the Storm, and Josh Scheffee capitalized with another goal. The Storm were victorious with a 2-0 win.

In the second game of the double header, the Storm didn't quite have the same speed and precision and found themselves down early to the Shamrocks. Excellent goaltending by Chase Winder kept the Storm within reach but they just couldn't develop any offensive pressure. The Storm skated well and fought hard but dropped this one 4-0 to the Shamrocks.

After some much needed rest, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team were back on home ice in Haliburton on Sunday, Dec. 11 squaring off against the Sturgeon Thunder. The Storm pressured early but found themselves behind after two periods of play. The Thunder were relentless in their offensive pressure and had a 4-0 lead with minutes remaining in the third period. Brechin Johnston netted a goal just before the buzzer to end the game with a 4-1 loss for the Storm. Another good weekend of hockey for the Storm. The novice team is back in action on Saturday, Dec. 17 when they host the Mariposa Lightning in Haliburton. The puck drops at 11 a.m. See you there.

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Highland Storm Atom AE play Silver Stick Regional Tournament

Players among the three Junior County League teams joined together to represent Highland Storm in the Atom AE Silver Stick Regional Tournament on Dec. 3 and 4, this past weekend.

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Red Hawks tournament is just the beginning

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

There's a lot to be said about learning by doing.

Steve Smith, coach of the Red Hawks junior girls' volleyball team, gave credence to this after his team hosted five Kawartha West high schools for an invitational exhibition tournament on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

He believes his team will get better with more experience after seeing them play in the team's first competition last week.

"These tournaments are all about experience and so I try to get all the girls some sort of experience. Especially at home. We got parents and whatnot here," he said. "It's fun to get the girls out and involved. It's the first time for some of the girls playing in front of their hometown."

The Hawks played very well in the first two matches.

In their opening match against the Falcons of Fenelon Falls, they were controlling play and were up 12-8, but after the Falcons took an 18-17 they lost their ability to execute getting outscored seven points to nothing to end with a 17-25 loss.

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With only two weeks to prepare a team and two practices co-ordinated by Craig Smith along side with head coach Cory Simms, assistant coach James Raposo and trainer Chad Russell they all worked hard to turn a great group of players into a team.

Fifteen players set out on the ice early morning Saturday to play the first game against

To Haliburton's credit, they came back to split the match 25-17 from a 10-3 run to close out the second game.

With only minutes of rest before they played their next opponents, the Wildcats of I.E. Weldon, the Hawks carried the momentum from their win and beat the Wildcats 25-20. In the second game the Hawks appeared poised to complete the shutout, but could not capitalize on a 12-6 lead and a 20-17 lead. The Wildcats erased both deficits and went on to win 25-23 for the split with an 8-3 run.

The early success for the Hawks didn't carry against their next two opponents: St. Thomas and LCVI.

In both games the Hawks were shut out. Although Haliburton had a strong chance to split the match with St. Thomas, the visiting Titans proved too strong and edged out the red and white 26-24.

After four straight game losses, the Hawks finished strongly and shut out Brock (25-14 and 25-22) to end the day.

During the day nerves played a part with some of the rookies, who felt the pressure to perform. Some even asked to be substituted. Smith still encouraged the rookies to play and take the spotlight.

Smith appreciated his team's effort over

the long afternoon, which included 10 games in about three hours. The team finished 4-6.

"It's a long day when you have five or 10 games. It's the first time the girls played it. What I'm doing conditioning with them I'll be telling them, 'remember those 10 games,'" he said.

The team's veterans such as Natalya Gimon and Dakota MacDonald led the way. Both are on club teams and practising twice a week and competing during the weekend in addition to the Hawks. Other players that had a strong afternoon were Samantha Steffenson, Nicole Cox and setters Arden Harrop and Emma Casey. Neither was shy about taking that second ball, often screaming, "mine" to alert teammates. It was a respectable start for rookie Samantha Pamplin.

Smith liked the team's ability to spike and serve, but believes there is room for improvement when it comes to passing.

"It gives me some things to work on. There were serving errors. You get the ball and then serve it right back into the net. I try to tell them: Just get the first one over. Get comfortable and whatnot. They get a little nervous sometimes so we'll take about serving," he said.

Smith takes responsibility for the team's

struggles, particularly when the team was blown out.

"That has to do with the coaching. You know what? I was still learning their numbers so sometimes there were some players in different spots that they're not normally in so there was a little bit of confusion. That's [a] coaching [issue]," he said.

The poor rotations costed the team a few points in the early matches, he said.

Positioning and knowledge of who should receive is on the list of things to work on.

Smith said it's part of the process.

"This was the first kick at the can for some of the girls. They did really, really well. They're just having to adapt in the game," he said, referring to position and picking up the ball pertaining to serve reception.

It's all a work in process for them.

"The way volleyball is now if you can serve and get a good pass to your setter the rest of it is easy," he said. "We do a lot of fundamental [work]. It's starting to pay off, but they're not quite where we need to be, but it's a good starting point for them moving forward."

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Beeton Stingers and Highland Storm was defeated 12-0. Highland Storm were also defeated in the second game 15-1 against the Lindsay Muskies. Sawyer Boutin got the lone goal.

The final game was against Ingersoll Express, what a nail biter that game was with only 25 seconds left on the clock Ingersoll Express tied up the game with a final score of 5-5. Sawyer Boutin got two goals and Isaac Lee got a hat trick.

While every single Storm player should be mentioned for their amazing effort and talent out on the ice, it was Carson Simms, our Highland Storm goalie, that was the huge star of the day making countless saves and an all round outstanding player.

While Highland Storm may fallen short of top standings these 15 players never felt an ounce of defeat. Their voices could be heard echoing across the arena, cheering each other

on from the bench. Their enthusiasm and love for the game was seen and heard by all. We are all thankful for the opportunity to play in such an elite event and only hope that they can have the opportunity to compete in several other tournaments before the hockey season ends.

A huge thank you goes out to Craig Smith, who gave our team the opportunity to come together and represent Highland Storm.

Submitted by Angela Russell



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Step 1: Call 705-457-6901 in advance to arrange a date to pick up your gifts

Step 2: Collect unwrapped toys or food items at your office or your Christmas Party.

Remember to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up **BEFORE December 16th.** Early delivery to the workshops means the elves have enough time to prepare for Christmas.



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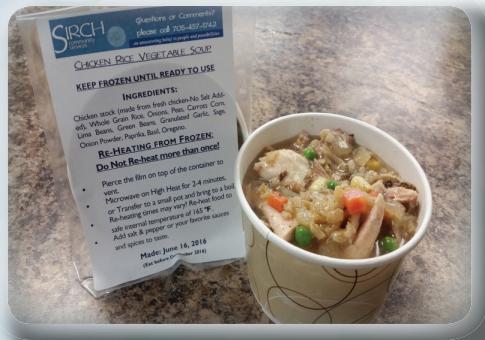


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Wednesday, September 15, 1982



Mike Comish, front and Khoan Pham thread their way through the Minden Wild Water course Sunday as they compete in the open canoe competitions. The team, from Camp Kandalore captured first place in the junior division with a time of 4:37. Their time was the best of all two-man entries. More photos inside.

Ratepayers hope for holiday weekend meeting with officials

A meeting of municipal officials, representatives of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and ratepayers, particularly those in the newly proposed R4 and R5 zones may be held Saturday, October 9, Thanksgiving weekend.

The meeting was requested

by the executive of the Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association in a letter to the Anson, Hindon and Minden Township council. The letter was read at the September 8 meeting of the council.

According to the Soyers Lake Association spokesman, Lew McCorriston, the

Ministry of Municipal Affairs has objected to the municipality's new zoning by-law, particularly the section regarding R4 and R5 zones.

When the by-law was first proposed the Soyers Lake group and others objected to any restriction on permanent dwellings being built in these zones. R4 and R5 zoning is generally associated with lakefront development.

The original document had restricted these areas to what was termed recreational dwellings. To the objectors the new term was just another way of saying 'seasonal residential', which meant that only dwellings used on a seasonal basis (cottages) could be erected in the zones.

Anson, Hindon and Minden council concurred with the objections, and removed any reference to residential status in the R4 and R5 zones. This satisfied the cottagers, many of whom expressed a desire to retire eventually to their cottage, turning it into a permanent residence.

However, this latest objection to the by-law, from the provincial ministry, means the question of permanent residences in these

zones and the services residents in these areas might expect to receive is still in question.

Hence the proposal for a meeting between the three parties concerned.

The Soyers Lake spokesman pointed out that a compromise had been reached in the past between the association and the municipality regarding zoning restrictions. "We believe that such a meeting will produce a better understanding of all concerns and hopefully establish a base for the resolution of the problem," McCorriston wrote to the council. At such a meeting, he suggests, the provincial authorities could, "openly and frankly set out their concerns and hear first hand the views of the property owners who are affected."

The council, upon hearing the letter from McCorriston, immediately agreed to attempt to call such a meeting. Doubts were raised about whether civil servants from Toronto would be willing to interrupt their Thanksgiving holiday for the meeting. However, clerk-treasurer

(more on page 8)

Two events mark Terry Fox day

Haliburton County residents will have two opportunities to commemorate the effort that Terry Fox made for cancer research and his country. A memorial picnic is planned for the Minden Community Centre, again this year under the direction of Reverend George Elliott.

In Haliburton, a ten kilometre run will be held to help raise money for the Cancer Society. Both events take place Sunday, September 19.

Area families and friends are invited to share in the Second Annual Terry Fox

Run and Corn Roast on Sunday, September 19 at the Minden fair grounds, (by the Curling Club). The evening will begin with a short 3 kilometre run or walk, your choice. This short distance allows just about everyone to take part in a symbolic remembrance of Terry Fox's amazing attempt to run across our country.

The run begins at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed immediately by a wiener and corn roast. The cost, \$1.00 per person, is intended to just

cover the cost of the food. Any profit will be donated to the Cancer Society's Terry Fox Fund.

Everyone is invited for an evening of fun, good food, and fellowship as we remember a true Canadian Hero!

In the event of rain the picnic will be held indoors at the Community Centre.

Meanwhile, in Haliburton, runners, walkers and others will take part in a ten kilometre run. Last year the event drew 250 runners with close to \$5,000 being raised.

This year's organizer, Dr. Blair Pierce, noted that participants need not run the course. "Those willing to hike the distance are welcome to take part as well," he commented. The event begins at 1 p.m. from the town dock in Haliburton.

The run is sanctioned by the Canadian Cancer Society and funds raised through pledges will be forwarded to the Canadian Cancer Society. Pledge sheets are available from Mike's Milk Stores in both communities or at Becker's in Minden.



Edith Welch, left, president of the Hyland Crest residents council assisted the home's auxiliary member Aileen Bears in officially opening a new gazebo at the home. The structure, which was opened Friday, was built by the members of the auxiliary, who joined the residents in a barbecue which followed the ceremony. Another picture on page 14.

Thank you for your generosity

DORSET NEWS

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Dorset, we did it again! More than a ton of food, toys, and financial contributions were collected Dec. 7 for the Salvation Army Drive. Our sincere thanks to the three best Santas around, lots of elves, vehicle drivers and packers who made it happen. Thanks Steve and Val from the Lions Camp for making sure we were fed. Santa and his elf delivered all the donations the next morning to the Salvation Army for distribution. Thank you to our businesses who also accept goods. If you were missed by accident or forgot about the drive, there will be a buggy in Robinson's General Store for a week and a half. On behalf of the Dorset Project Group, the Dorset Lions, friends, family, the Salvation Army, and those less fortunate, thank you Dorset!

Well, after years of sold out cookie dough workshops we face a different problem this year. We have enough butter,

sugar, flour, nuts and supplies for 10 good sized batches of dough – which is a lot! But only three people signed up! If you see this in time and would like to participate, head over to the rec centre today, Thursday, Dec. 14 for 2 p.m. You will need to bring something to tie back your hair, an apron and something flat to carry your dough home – think large cookie sheet. The cost is \$25 per person.

If you miss the workshop but would interested in some ready-to-bake dough, contact the rec centre by email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968. Each batch consists of three different kinds of dough, brown sugar shortbread, orange sable and chocolate espresso, that can be made into many types of cookies such as orange sable cookies, orange poppy seed spirals, brown sugar shortbread wedges, chocolate thumbprints, almond crescents, chocolate espresso wafers and Neapolitan cookies. Or keep it simple, the dough will be frozen and ready to slice and bake as is. A recipe handout includes instructions for all the variations if you want to get fancy. The frozen ready-to-bake dough will be sold on a first come, first served basis for \$25 per batch.

The fall session of Tai Chi has ended and the winter session will begin on Monday, Jan. 9. Chi Kung Tai

Chi is a complete workout for well-being and beginners are welcome at any time. Classes are taught by Valerie Houston-Peel of Temple Knights. Classes take place at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. There is an advanced class that meets at 10 a.m. The cost is \$20 drop in or \$15.75 per class when multiple classes are paid for in advance. These fees are subject to tax. Only classes attended are charged – you are not charged for classes missed. For more information about Temple Knights, or the Dorset classes visit their website at templeknights.com, email info@templeknights.com or call 705-767-1177.

The next foot clinic at the Dorset Rec Centre is on Wednesday, Jan. 11 and is by appointment only. Foot care includes nail trimming, callouses filed, cream and gentle massage by R.N. Fran Gower. To book an appointment or for more information, please call Fran at 705-635-1229.

Happy birthday to Cameron Nash, Thomas Keown, Jeaninne Dunn, Barb Jordan, Tony Arkell, Chris Davis, Caitlin Davies and happy anniversary to Diane and Boyd Griffin and June and Bill Johnson! If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.



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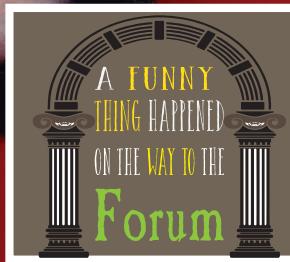


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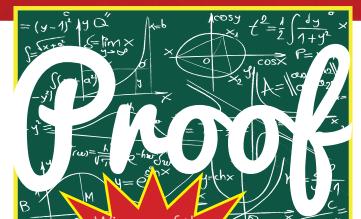
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Broadway's greatest farce is light, fast-paced, witty, irreverent and one of the funniest musicals ever written. This play is a nonstop laughfest in which Pseudolus, a crafty slave, struggles to win the hand of a beautiful, but slow-witted, courtesan named Philia for his young master, Hero, in exchange for freedom. The plot twists and turns with cases of mistaken identity, slamming doors and a showgirl or two. An unforgettable, hysterical musical – "something for everyone, a comedy tonight!" Performances July 3-7, 9 (2:30 matinee), 10-13.

Proof

By David Auburn

On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman spent years caring for her brilliant but unstable father, a famous mathematician. Now, following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions; the arrival of her estranged sister, Claire; and the attentions of Hal, a former student of her father's. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness - or genius - will she inherit? Performances July 17-21, 26-28.



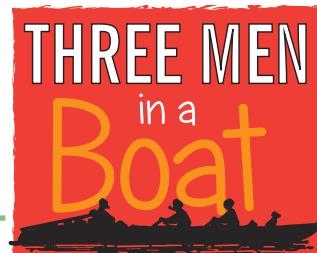
Winner of the
2001 Pulitzer Prize
& Tony Award for
Best Play



Jake's Gift

By Julia Mackey

While revisiting the shores of Juno beach for the 60th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, World War II veteran Jake encounters Isabelle, a precocious 10-year-old from the local village. Her inquisitive nature and charm challenge the old soldier to make peace with his past. A multi-award winning tour-de-force, Jake's Gift uses the legacy of remembrance to make personal the story behind one soldier's memories. Performances July 23 (2:30 matinee), 24-25.

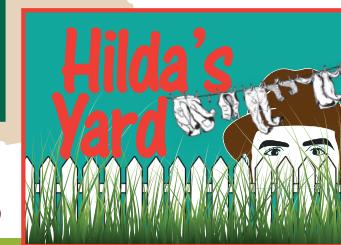


Three Men in a Boat

by Jerome K Jerome

Three Men in a Boat is a stage adaptation of Jerome K. Jerome's classic 1889 British travelogue. Join our three intrepid bachelors Jay, George, and Harris as they spend a disastrous weekend punting up the river Thames.

Performances Aug 6 (2:30 matinee), 7-8.



Hilda's Yard

By Norm Foster

One ordinary family. One extraordinary day. Set in 1956, Sam and Hilda Fluck are finally on their own after their children Gary and Janey leave the nest. Then, on a September morning, their world changes when Gary loses his job, is the target of gangsters and Janey leaves her husband only to find love again. A heart-warming and hilarious look back at a not so innocent time. Performances July 31, Aug 1-4, 9-11.

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Celebrate New Year's Eve at the Legion

AROUND THE TOWN

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Here at the old farmhouse the one tree is now decorated with necessary revisions to the bottom branches after tuxedo cat Jake was spotted streaking across the livingroom with a soft Santa ornament in his mouth. Fortunately the big guy was unharmed, however this would certainly move Bruce and I off the "good list" and needed to be immediately addressed. While this was the major excitement this week in our lives the grandchildren are busy with year ending events. Today granddaughter Emma completes her six month fulltime producers lab program at the Canadian Film Centre with proud parents David and Rita in attendance to view all the teams final projects. Emma has thoroughly enjoyed this learning opportunity and will return to her craft with new knowledge, confidence and her usual enthusiasm. Grandson Austin will transfer in January from the regular journalism program at Centennial College to his major area of interest sports journalism. This program will include a trip to the Toronto Blue Jays spring training camp in Dunedin, Florida which he is much looking forward to. Young Ben's Stouffville Clippers hockey team has continued to struggle again this season then this past weekend won the Oshawa tournament championship over the Waterloo team. Watching the video of him skating over to receive his medallion the height difference in the

Clippers players and those on the Waterloo team was striking. Ben will be playing his trumpet in the upcoming school Christmas concert. Hopefully this will be shared on video as well. It continues to amaze what today's cellphones are capable of.

The final book sale for 2016 by the Friends of the Kinmount Library will be held this Saturday, Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Branch. All books are sold by donation. Reading the excerpt from our Kinmount Library in the December issue of the *Gazette* it was most interesting to learn of a variety of free instructor led courses ranging from computer skills to guitar instruction available through the library and also about the Freegal Music Service which will allow the Kawartha Lakes Public Library to increase both the size and diversity of its musical offering to 28,000 labels from 101 countries. Check out the www.kawarthalakeslibrary.ca for more details. Librarian Mary Ann Dobsi reminds that the After School Adventure Program will continue in the new year starting on Tuesday, Jan. 17 through to June 13 at 4:30 p.m. Stories, games, crafts and creative play are included but registration is required so please contact the Branch at 705-488-3199. .

Looking ahead everyone is invited to a potluck get together in the clubroom at the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount on Saturday, Dec. 31 complete with cards, darts, music and mingling. On the following day Jan. 1 the Branch will hold its annual Presidents Levee from 2 to 7 p.m. Once again everyone is welcome to attend.

There is still time to drop off your donation of a new un-

wrapped toy or non-perishable food items under one of the angel trees set up by the Kinmount Lions around town. These locations include the medical centre, the post office, the Legion, the LCBO and the Kawartha Credit Union. Please note that the Lions Club has medical/hospital equipment available for loan to those in need. For more information give Vic a call at 705-488-3053 or Dave at 705-488-2005.

For that special person on your list who enjoys handcrafted items and the visual arts the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will be open daily from Dec. 16 to 24 closing on Christmas and Boxing Day. There are also collectibles, books by local authours and Kinmount souvenirs. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a likely earlier closing on Christmas Eve. The phone number at the Marketplace is 705-488-1414 just to confirm before heading out.

According to the *Farmers' Almanac* apparently this winter will be colder than normal with above normal precipitation and snowfall. Personally I put more stock in the *Almanac* than in one of my recent horoscope predictions. For Capricorns we were to change from routine and take up a new challenge. Sounds good except the example given was to join an axe-throwing class. Instead I will likely just hunker down and enjoy the chickadees antics at the feeder. As the folk song lyrics remind "Momma don't allow no axe-throwing here" so until next week keep busy and well, they go together. If your family has special visitors or celebrations which you would like mentioned in this column just give me a call at 705-488-2938.

UPCOMING Community Events

Dorset Recreation Centre: Christmas Cookie Dough Party

When: Thursday, December 15, 2:00 - 4:00
A get together to make refrigerator cookie dough for taking home to bake.

All Welcome, Space is limited. First come first serve.
All materials supplied. Cost \$25.00 per person due in advance to secure your spot.

"Christmas Favourites" directed by Melissa Stephens

When: Sunday, December 18, 11:15 am
Where: Haliburton United Church, 10 George St. at Pine St. Advent anthems, readings and carol singing with the Haliburton United Church Choir.

The Community Carol Service

When: Sunday December 18th, at 7:00 pm.
Where: Historic Essonville Church
Come early to get your seat!

Christmas Eve Service and Communion Celebration

Guest singers Kate Campbell, John Miller and Deniella Rivard
Haliburton United Church
When: Saturday, December 24, 7:00 pm

Lochlin United Church, Christmas Day Service

When: Sunday December 25, 10:30 am
Where: 1050 Lochlin Road off Gelert Road (County Road 1)

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, December 28, 10:30 am to Noon.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Ingoldsby United Church, New Years Day Service

When: Sunday January 1, 10:30 am
Where: 1741 Ingoldsby Road off Kashagawigamog Lake Road (County Road 18)

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County card scores

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the gents with Bruce Shephard low man

Dec. 6 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 270, Pat Norman 255, Joan McKnight 228 and Vi Howell 225. First for the gents at 290 was Bruce Medcalf followed by Karen Chapman 262. Howard Smith 244 and Archie Ross 229. Bruce Medcalf also won the major draw with Pat Norman, Ron Morrison and Bev Johnson claiming the smaller prizes while Ida Young took the single moonshot of the afternoon. Thanks to our reporter Betty Wagar for this update. .

Dec. 6 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Pearl Cowen reports that the top team members were June Fortune and Joan Bell with a score of 339 then Sandy Poulton and Max McKelvey 321. In third place at 270 were Irene Murphy see page 23



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

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SNOW REMOVAL OPERATIONS

During the snow removal season, please be mindful of the following:

No person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway (Highway Traffic Act, RSO, 1990, c. H.8). A Police Constable, County or Municipal appointed By-Law Officer may have the vehicle removed from the roadway and stored at the owner's expense.

No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for maintenance of the road (Highway Traffic Act, RSO, 1990, c. H.8).

Please be sure to **keep the snow back away from the roadway when clearing your driveway, entrance and mail box**. This is to avoid creating a hazard for the travelling public.

Cooperation in these matters is appreciated to ensure the safety of others and efficient winter maintenance of County and Municipal Roads.

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Richard Riopelle, Staff Sergeant
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Notice



County of Haliburton Holiday Office Hours

The County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the Administration Building at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, ON will close on

Friday December 23, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. and will re-open for regular business on Monday, January 2, 2017.

The County Roads Department has a 24 hour call answer service (705-286-1762) should you require immediate assistance.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

County card scores

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and Yvonne Arbuthnot while Cathy Thomas and Connie Sawyer posted the afternoon's low of a very respectable 229.

Dec. 7 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Muriel McIntosh partnered with our bridge reporter [3 events] Margo Davidson at 60 percent then Irena and Alek Zworski 55 percent. Over in East/West Gord Cochrane and Peter O'Connor led at 58 percent with Jan and Dave Heaven next at 54 percent.

Dec. 8 euchre at Minden Legion: Tom Grix reports that Irene McDowell and Harold Harvie held the most lone hands with Linda Hopkins and Howard Smith recording the high scores. The evening's lows went to Carol Wilson and Tom Bagshaw with Tom also taking home one of the other prizes along with Neil Darby, Linda Hopkins and Carol Wilson.

Dec. 8 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Topping the charts for the ladies were Karen Chapman 249, our reporter Bev Johnson 231 and Muriel McIntosh 198. At 233 Dwaine Lloyd led the gents with Doug McIntosh 208 second and Kevin Maloney 189 third. Dwaine Lloyd also held the hidden score, Kevim Maloney took the card draw and Doug McIntosh call 1 while Diane Wigley and Dwaine Lloyd completing his hat trick had moonshots.

Dec. 9 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell Margo and Tom Davidson led at 61 percent followed by Diana Spicer and Sue Pethick 60 percent, Reet Murray partnered with Rod Smyth 58 percent and the duo of Mary Johnson and Peter O'Connor 52 percent.

Dec. 9 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that winning for high hands was Lil Mann, for both lone hands and the special prize Kevin Maloney and for low

hands Doreen Francis.

Dec. 12 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: To begin a note of appreciation to Kinmount's "Shop'N Save" for the generous donation of four turkeys and three hams to be given as prizes at the special Christmas Bingo back on December 9th. This event was very well attended with everyone enjoying the holiday spirit. Today our reporter Rose Isaacson led at 260 followed by Vic Ballik 253 and Frank Franzen 232. Frank also won the draw with moonshots landing on Gala Newell and Sam Gaudet. Rose reminds that there will not be bid euchre on either Monday, December 26th [Boxing Day] or January 2nd.

Dec. 12 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Winning for high hands was Albert Foster, for lone hands Elaine Smith, for low hands Garth Windsor and for the special prize Lil Mann. Thanks to our reporter Sherin Brown for this news.

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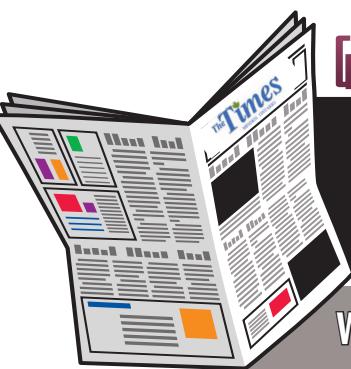


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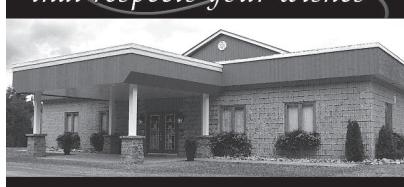
After a courageous battle, passed away peacefully at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Thursday, December 8th, 2016, in his 51st year.

Brian was the proud and loving father of Tabetha (Adam Styles), Carter, Morgan (Jessy Buma). He was the much loved son of Hazel and the late Murray McInnis. Dear brother of Heather and

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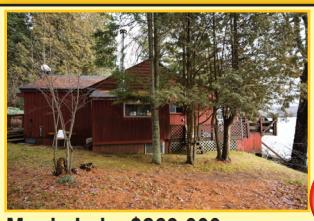


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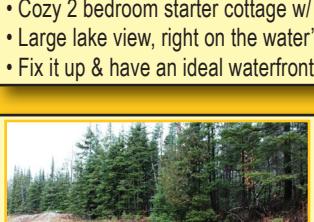


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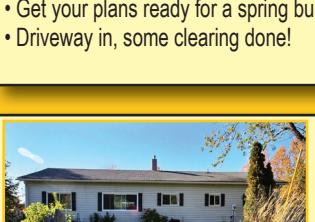


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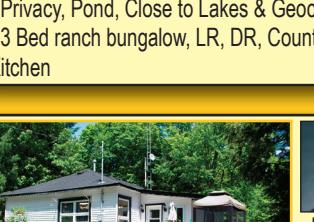


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